Here are some samples of the objections advanced at that later time by my colleagues. One of them wrote:—

> " May I again and for the last time *Typical protests* urge you to think well before you make the appointment (W. Ch.) which we have more than once discussed ? It will be an appointment intensely unpopular with many of your chief colleagues—in the opinion of some of whom it will lead to the disruption of the Government at an early date,, even if it does not lead, as it may well do, to resignations now. X— who opened the subject to me of his own accord this evening and who has spoken to you, tells me that it will be intensely unpopular in the Army.
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> I have reason to believe the same of the Navy. . . .
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> He is a potential danger in opposition. In the opinion of all of us he will as a member of the Government be an active danger in our midst."

Another Minister wrote at the same time : " Apart from every other consideration, is it wise for you to have as one of your Ministers, a dangerously ambitious man? . . ." And another important Conservative Minister wrote me in a similar strain :— " As regards W. Churchill and the Government, I have made enquiries and from what Z— tells me I am satisfied it would bring about a very grave situation in our Party. . . ." Why were they so bitter and implacable? His

political record naturally exasperated his *Reasons for* ^ p$_{arty.}$ He does nothing by halves, *antipathy* an<^ when he left it he attacked his old associates and condemned his old principles with a vigour and a witty scorn which rankled.